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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Inventory No. 128 is a record of the plant material (Nos. 116966 to 118410) received by the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction during the period from July 1 to September 30, 1936.

It records the first shipments of seeds and bulbs from H. L. Westover and F. L. Wellman, who left in the spring of 1936 for Turkey and Iran. The colder mountainous regions of these two countries, where agriculture has been the chief occupation for countless generations, offer a promising field for the collection of native strains of vegetables and fruits, especially in the markets and gardens of the more isolated villages and towns. Also included in these shipments were a number of grasses and forage plants from the semiarid parts of these countries.

The three agricultural explorers whose activities were discussed in the introductory statement of the preceding inventory (No. 127), Walter Koelz, W. A. Archer, and Raymond Stadelman, continued to send in material, during this period, from India, Brazil, and western South America, respectively. As before, the nature of the plant material received from them reflects the special needs of plant breeders and geneticists working with important crop plants.

The Department is again indebted to H. R. Wright, Auckland, New Zealand, who, during the past two decades, has presented material of new and little-known fruit varieties from his Avondale nursery. This shipment consists of plants of 25 different varieties of fruits (Nos. 117462 to 117486), including peaches, apples, plums, and several forms of citrus fruits, most of which have not been introduced before into this country.

Those concerned with ornamentals will be served by a rather small but unusual collection of seeds (Nos. 116983 to 116995) presented by Cheverton Buller, Stellenbosch, Union of South Africa. These represent native South African plants, mostly belonging to the Iridaceae and Proteaceae.

The botanical determinations of seeds introduced have been made and the nomenclature determined by Paul Russell, who has had general supervision of this inventory.

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